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## **Liberty Foundations Raises Over \$50,000 For People With Disabilities With Country Concert**

**Amsterdam** – Liberty Foundation held their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Denim and Diamonds BBQ & Country Concert presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance and featuring Skeeter Creek on Friday, October 3 at their Liberty ARC Drive campus in Amsterdam. The fundraising event drew 435 guests, a record-breaking attendance, and raised over \$50,000 to support life-enriching experiences and items for people with disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties.

For the past nine years, Liberty Foundation's Denim and Diamonds event has funded vital programs, services, improvements to homes, and experiences which are not funded through government programs to the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by Liberty ARC.

Proceeds from the event have paid for memorable trips, including to Ellis Island, the Great Escape, a luncheon cruise on Lake George, outdoor and indoor furniture, medical equipment, and updated technology like tablets and hands-free devices.

This year's event will support similar projects, as well as contribute towards the construction of a new home for people with Disabilities in Liberty's program. Liberty Foundation and Liberty ARC would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the following community businesses and business partners for their generous support of this year's event:

**10K Blue Diamond Presenting Sponsor** - Marshall & Sterling Insurance

**Saloon Sponsors** - Adirondack Beverages, Allsquare Wealth Management, HealthDirect Pharmacy Services, and O'Connell & Aronowitz.

**Bull's -Eye Sponsors** - The Bonadio Group, Capital Region Pharmacy Services, CDPHP, and KeyBank.

**About Liberty Foundation**

The Liberty Foundation was started in 1993 to benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities served by Liberty ARC. The Liberty Foundation funds programs, services, and items that are not otherwise funded through state or federal government programs to enhance the lives of Liberty ARC participants. Throughout the years, the opportunities and services provided by Liberty ARC and supported by the Liberty Foundation has helped people with disabilities to live their best lives. The Foundation provides resources that allows Liberty ARC to deliver an outstanding level of service and program excellence, so that each person can achieve a quality of life they value.

#### **About Liberty ARC**

Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- *Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values* - together with our *Values* make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.

#### **About The Arc New York**

The Arc New York is the largest provider of supports and services for people intellectual and developmental disabilities in New York state. The 35 local Chapters of The Arc New York collectively support more than 60,000 people with disabilities and their families in every county of the state, and employ more than 30,000 people in the shared mission to provide people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities the ordinary and extraordinary opportunities of life. Founded by families more than 75 years ago, The Arc New York continues to be an influential advocate for the rights, opportunities, and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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